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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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1. IN CONVERSATION I HAD WITH FONMIN BORGONOVO ON EVENING OF APRIL 30, HE TOUCHED ON FOLLOWING MATTERS, SOME OF WHICH HE HAD ALSO DISCUSSED WITH DCM EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

2. CUBA--AS WE ARE AWARE, THE GOES IS AGREEABLE TO LIFTING SANCTIONS. HE BELIEVES THAT THE MFM SHOULD REACH EARLY DECISION FOR RAPID ACTION TO RESOLVE THIS DISRUPTIVE ISSUE SO THAT ATTENTION MAY BE FOCUSED ON MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS.

3. US TRADE ACT--GOES APPROVED OF THE LAW AND IS AWARE OF ITS PURPOSE. IT ALSO APPRECIATES THAT SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT US INTERESTS. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND WHY IT CANNOT SUPPORT THE US ON THE PROBLEMS THAT THE ACT CAUSED FOR VENZUELA AND ECUADOR.

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4. PANAMA CANAL-- I ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THAT PANAMA CANAL ISSUE MIGHT BE RAISED AT THE MEETING. BORGONOVO REPLIED THAT THE GOP WILL CERTAINLY BE LOBBYING AND MAY VERY WELL SEEK TO IMPRESS OUR CONGRESS BY GETTING THE MFM TO ADOPT SOME SORT OF SUPPORTIVE RESOLUTION. WHILE THE GOES BACKS PANAMA'S "TERRITORIAL" CLAIMS, IT ALSO BELIEVES THAT US INTERESTS SHOULD BE PROTECTED IN A NEW TREATY.

5. ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL--THE GOES IS PLEDGED TO SAPENA ON FIRST BALLOT ONLY WHICH HE DOES NOT BELIEVE WILL BE CONCLUSIVE. IT WOULD SHIFT ITS SUPPORT TO GOMEZ BERGES ON THE NEXT BALLOT, IF HE IS STILL A CONTENDER, OUT OF LOYALTY TO THE NORTHERN TIER." WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THAT IS VERY UNCERTAIN. THE GOES, OF COURSE, IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE GUATEMALAN CANDIDATE FOR THE NUMBER TWO SPOT. HE REALIZES THE UNLIKELIHOOD OF BOTH POSITIONS GOING TO NORTHERN COUNTRIES.
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